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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed April 25, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 17 as follows:

--17. (Twice Amended) A device comprising first and second hand-held tools for shearing by transverse forces a body having a non-circular cross-section by the application of torsional force, said first tool comprising a first disc and said second tool comprising a second disc, each of said discs having an upper side and a lower side, said first disc having opposing cutting edges formed by a slot of fixed dimensions, and said second disc having opposing cutting edges formed by a slot of fixed dimensions, said discs directly touching each other at said edges, each of said discs having a handle attached thereto for rotating said discs counter to one another about a rotation axis to apply a torsional shearing force on the body in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body, said slots extending from the outer periphery of the respective discs and narrowing continuously toward the center of the respective discs.--

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